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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I think it is crucial that you continue to require telephone companies to provide access to their last-mile copper lines to competitors offering internet service. I depend on this for my own service, since the third-party offering is better quality than what the local phone company provides directly. And if you restored their monopoly their prices would rise and their service would worsen.

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